

3/18/15 EDC meeting

EDC Attendees: John LaPoint, Brook Padgett, Michael Scully, Phil Halohan, Sue Robbins, Jeffrey Oberg, Jim Henderson and Kristin Wood

7:05pm: Call to order- John. Minutes approved (motion made by Sue seconded by Mike) vote was unanimous.

7:10: Discussion of the objectives for April 1 joint meeting with the BOS/ Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals.

- Recap of last joint meeting. It was decided that the take away from that meeting is that the town needs to look at the zoning along its busiest corridors and make sure that those corridors are zoned properly so we are maximizing their potential.
- Jeff- while looking at zoning we also need to look at the impacts those zoning changes will have on traffic. Are there sections we should be looking at specifically.
- Sue- CVS to Quinsigamond Corner to the pike. The Quinsigamond Corner to Route 30.
- Jim- has the town ID'd metrics to use when thinking about rezoning. Do we want to attract professional or commercial businesses? Have we looked at comparable communities and what they are doing? Has the town looked at a split tax rate (it was explained that small businesses are hurt with split tax rates and that is what the majority of the Town's businesses are)
- Jeff- Have we looked at overlay districts?
- Sue- we need to look at the character we want the town to convey. Design standards should be included when looking at zoning.
- Kristin was asked to put together two paragraphs to circulate to the EDC laying out the EDC's request at the joint meeting on the subject.
- Mike made a motion and Jeff seconded the motion that the two paragraphs define the corridor from Carroll Road to Quinsigamond Corner out Route 122 towards Millbury and down 140 towards Trek Bike. Action items will be zoning, traffic and design standards.

8:25: Corridor 9 Expo- The consensus was it is too late to take part this year but it was a missed opportunity that should be pursued in future years.

8:30- Budget

- Sue- when the budget was presented to the Finance Committee the EDC had \$13k sitting in its FY15 budget which was difficult to justify. The Finance Committee questioned

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why we did not spend the money we were appropriated. We need to get back to regular meetings and need to get back to working on our goals and objectives. Sue made a motion (Jim seconded) to allocate \$4500 of the FY15 remaining balance to fund the Dukakis study with the caveat that the town do the study asap. Seven members voted in favor; one opposed (Mike)

8:45: Mike gave a demonstration of the Tigerlight trade show booth options. Everyone agreed the product looked good but because we didn't have any cost figures it was decided that any decisions regarding the trade booth would need to wait until we had an idea of cost.

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